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The Medicaid Eligibility Handbook (MEH) is now online. No more paper releases will be sent. The address for the handbook is: <http://www.emhandbooks.wisconsin.gov/meh/>

The changes noted in this cover sheet are incorporated into the online handbook. Changes are indicated with yellow highlighted text. Anytime you access the online MEH, it will reflect current policy. To be notified of MEH releases by email, go to <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/em/policy-notification/signup.htm>, enter your email address and check the "Medicaid" box in the "notification listing" section.

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The following changes are included in this release:

CHANGES

- Handbook Re-organization

The Medicaid Eligibility Handbook has been re-organized into eight main chapters. The chapters are presented in a logical order for understanding the policy needed to process a case.

- 1. General Program Requirements**

This chapter describes the high level requirements to be eligible for Medicaid in Wisconsin.

- 2. Application and Reviews**

This chapter details what is required at applications and periodic review.

- 3. Non-financial Requirements**

This chapter details the non-financial requirements for Medicaid eligibility.

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4. Financial Requirements

This chapter details the financial requirements for Medicaid eligibility; such as income and asset limits.

5. Specific Programs

This chapter explains the many subprograms of Medicaid in Wisconsin.

6. Ongoing Case Management

This chapter details the steps necessary to maintain an ongoing Medicaid case after it has been approved.

7. Benefits

This chapter describes the different types of Medicaid benefits and the Forward card.

8. Appendix

This chapter consists of tables, worksheets, forms and miscellaneous topics.

The following table details where the old handbook appendixes are located in the new handbook.

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- Appendix 4 **Deprivation** Eliminated

Operations Memo 03-45 changed the unemployed parent policy . As of August 1, 2003 as long as there is non-financial eligibility, 2 parent families are assessed for MAU and MAOU based on their income, just as one parent families are for MAR/MAOR. Accordingly Appendix 4 on Deprivation as an eligibility criteria was made obsolete.

Former section 4.5.0 on **Huber Law** was moved to the new subsection 3.7.0. Former section 4.6.0 **Dependent 18 year old** was moved to the new subsection 3.1.3.

- Logic Flow Units Eliminated

The logic flow units have been eliminated and incorporated into the above listed chapters. Too many changes were made to be individually listed.

- Other Changes in this release.

8.1.7.1 The Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) disregard table was updated to reflect the COLA adjustment, effective January 1, 2004.

5.10.6, 4.8.4, The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) numbers were changed to reflect the
8.1.6 new levels, effective March 1, 2004.